

East Fork Lewis River Partnership for clean water

East Fork Lewis River Partnership 2018 End of Year Summary – What's next in 2019?

Greetings!

Thank you for being an East Fork Lewis River Partner!

Here is an overview of what the partnership achieved in 2018.

- The [East Fork Lewis River Watershed Bacteria and Temperature Source Assessment Report](#) was published in May 2018.
- The new East Fork Lewis River Partnership launched in August 2018, to develop a [Water Cleanup Plan](#) – focused on reducing bacteria and lowering water temperatures in the watershed.
- Ecology met with multiple partner organizations to learn about and tour different projects and programs in Clark County.
- Multiple organizations in the region made progress on planning and implementation activities to improve water quality.
- Bacteria and Temperature Workgroups met in October 2018 to start discussing future implementation opportunities to improve water quality.
- A meeting to discuss Private Landowner Technical Assistance was held in November 2018.
- All meeting materials, notes, and presentations are routinely updated on the [East Fork Lewis River Ezview website](#).

Thank you for attending meetings, participating, and sharing information! These meetings have helped us get up to speed and understand some of the challenges and opportunities in the East Fork Lewis River. We appreciate your partnership and collaboration!

What's next in 2019?

- **Partnership** - The full Partnership will meet in February 2019. The meeting will be hosted in the City of La Center. Please complete this [Doodle Poll](#) to find the best meeting date. If you are interested in presenting or providing an update to partners at the next meeting, contact [Devan Rostorfer](#), TMDL Lead.
- **Implementation** - Ecology's Nonpoint Source Water Quality Specialists, [Shawn Ultican](#) and [Jennifer Riedmayer](#), are working in the East Fork Lewis River watershed! Shawn and Jennifer are focusing their proactive nonpoint source identification work in Brezee, Jenny, and McCormick Creeks. If you are interested in partnering on nonpoint source work, contact Shawn or Jen. Please remember – if you see something, say something! [Environmental complaints](#) can be reported online.

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- **Are you interested in water quality improvement funds from Ecology? Start early on project development by coordinating with Ecology staff!** - The next funding cycle is expected to open in August 2019 with applications due in October 2019. Funds awarded would be available as early as July 2020. The funding requirements will likely be similar to the [FY 2020 guidelines](#). If you have an idea for a project, we want to meet with you! We are happy to listen to ideas, review proposals, brainstorm, provide feedback, support you through your application process, and connect you to the right Ecology grants staff! Contact [Devan Rostorfer](#) if you want to set up a meeting.
- **Would you like more information?** – We are happy to schedule a phone call or meeting to get you up to speed. Additionally, if you would like someone from the East Fork Lewis River Core Team to attend your meeting, or present at your meeting – please let us know!
- **Planning and writing** - The East Fork Lewis River Water Cleanup Plan is under development. The goal is to have a draft Water Cleanup Plan completed in 2019.

Grant Updates

- **Terry Husseman Account (THA) Grant Announcement**
 - **Application Opens:** January 2, 2019
 - **Application Closes:** February 4, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
 - **Grant Award Amounts:** Grant maximum is \$50,000. The typical grant award ranges from \$10,000 to \$25,000.
 - **Grant Timeline:** Projects typically run 12 to 18 months.
 - **More information:** Please visit the [Terry Husseman Account \(THA\) Website](#) to read more about the grant program and the [2019 Funding Guidelines](#).
 - **Eligible project types:**
 - THA grants support locally sponsored projects that restore or enhance the natural environment. Typical projects address water quality issues and fish and wildlife habitat protection or enhancement in or adjacent to waters of the state, such as streams, lakes, wetlands, or the ocean. Projects that develop and implement aquatic land geographic information systems (GIS) that support restoration or enhancement of the natural environment are also eligible and may be proposed.
 - Projects that address an *environmental emergency* may be eligible. An environmental emergency is defined as a risk to the natural environment as a result of a natural or man-made disaster.
 - Projects of *statewide significance* may be proposed that use innovative approaches or technologies that could be applied in multiple watersheds throughout Washington, and result in a significant improvement to the natural environment. To be considered, projects must provide primary benefits to public resources (land or water stewardship) and affiliated infrastructure.

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- **FY 2020 Water Quality Combined Funding:** The draft funding list for FY 2020 Water Quality Combined Funding is expected in January 2019. A 30 day public comment period will follow. The final funding list and letters are expected in July 2019. If you have a questions about nonpoint source grants, contact [Leanne Whitesell](#), Regional Funding Coordinator for Southwest Washington.
- **Other funding opportunities available**
 - [2019 Lower Columbia Salmon Recovery Grant Round Schedule](#)
 - [Drinking Water Providers Partnership](#)
 - [NOAA Pacific Northwest Bay Watershed Education and Training \(B-WET\) Program](#)
 - [EPA Environmental Justice Small Grants Program](#)
 - [WDFW Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Volunteer Cooperative Grant Program](#)
 - [Support of the National Estuary Program Coastal Watersheds Grant](#)
 - [USDA NRCS Washington Environmental Quality Incentives Program \(EQIP\) – next cutoff date February 15, 2019](#)

Other News!

- The [Clark Conservation District is hiring a Resource Specialist!](#) Screening for this position will be January 14, 2019.

Goodbye 2018, Hello 2019!

Thank you for the awesome partnerships in 2018! We have enjoyed meeting you, and appreciate your willingness to work together to achieve clean water!

See you in 2019,

The East Fork Lewis River Core Team

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- [Jen Riedmayer](#) – Nonpoint Source Specialist
- [Shawn Ultican](#) – Nonpoint Source Specialist
- [Sheelagh McCarthy](#) – Environmental Assessment Program
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